

## School Profile



# International School of London Qatar

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Founded in 2008 as part of the Qatari Supreme Education Council's Outstanding Schools Initiative, the International School of London in Qatar enrolls over 900 students, ages 3-18 from over 60 countries, seeking an outstanding 21<sup>st</sup> Century education. ISL Qatar is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, authorised to offer the IB Diploma and Primary Years Programmes; the school is a candidate for the Middle Years Programme. The IB curriculum fulfills the School's vision of combining intellectual rigour and high academic standards with a strong emphasis on the ideals of international understanding and responsible citizenship. ISL Qatar is one of only a few schools in the country offering all three programmes.

ISL Qatar is part of the International School of London Group which celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012. The other ISL schools are in London and Surrey, England. The International School of London is one of the oldest IB Diploma schools in the world with a proud history of international college and university placement.

### Assessment

In addition to the International Baccalaureate Diploma exams, ISL Qatar assesses academic progress twice a year through internal exams designed to prepare students for the final exams. Additional academic reports are issued each term showing grades based on continual assessment and summative exam grades.

### College preparatory Courses

ISL Qatar offers courses which lead to either the International Baccalaureate Diploma or an ISL Qatar High School Diploma. High School students may follow a combination of IB Diploma classes and K12.com classes.



### International Baccalaureate Diploma courses include

**Group 1 Language A** Arabic / English HL or SL; Dutch, German, Italian, Malay, Spanish (SL self-taught courses)

**Group 2 Second Languages** Arabic HL, SL or Ab Initio; English, French or Spanish HL or SL

**Group 3 Individuals and Societies** Geography, History and Business Management are taught at HL and SL

**Group 4 Experimental Sciences** Biology, Chemistry or Physics at HL or SL

**Group 5 Maths** HL and SL and Mathematical Studies

**Group 6 Art** Visual Arts, Theatre, and Film at HL or SL

### The Class of 2013

The 33 students in the inaugural 2013 graduating class come from Australia Azerbaijan, Egypt, France Germany, India, Jordan, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, USA, and Venezuela.

### University Applications

Applications are pending to Oxford and Cambridge Medical Schools in the UK, the American Universities of Beirut and Paris, the Universities of Denver and Iowa as well as a number of Canadian and Qatari universities.



### Activities

Students participate in rich opportunities for academic, sporting, artistic and service endeavour, including a wide variety of after school sports and clubs and global community service activities.

### Faculty

The ISL Qatar faculty come from 40 different countries, speak 22 languages and average over nine years of teaching experience. All members of the teaching and leadership team are well-qualified, with extensive IB experience. Additionally, IB Coordinators and Heads of Departments have served as IB Revision Course tutors, moderators, and consultants and have worked extensively around the world. Each staff member is actively encouraged to participate in continuing education whether through advanced degrees or participation in education conferences.

### Facilities

The spacious campus includes specialised, age-appropriate classrooms including science labs, auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, multi-media centres and specialised play areas. The school is situated in northern Doha with door-to-door transportation available via a chaperoned bus service.

### Memberships and Accreditations

The school is authorised by the International Baccalaureate Organisation for the Diploma and Primary Years Programmes and is a candidate school for the Middle Years Programme. Additionally, ISL Qatar is a member of the European Council of International Schools (ECIS) and the Council of International Schools (CIS). The school is pursuing accreditation with the CIS.

### Admissions

The Admissions process at ISL Qatar is designed to be as positive and efficient as possible for all applying students. All applicants who are admitted to ISL Qatar are expected to function within the academically-rigorous International Baccalaureate Programme. ISL Qatar will only admit those students whose needs can be met by the educational and pastoral services the school provides. The school operates a rolling admissions policy whereby new students are accepted throughout the school year if places are available.

### Qatar

An independent sovereign state since 1971, Qatar is located on the Arabian Peninsula sharing its southern border with Saudi Arabia. Under a Constitutional Monarchy which was approved by its citizens and led by His Highness the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the nation is one of the wealthiest states in the world due to its oil and natural gas reserves. The country enjoys one of the highest per capita standards of living and has been growing around 20% per annum. The future quality of life, sustainability and prosperity of Qatar is built on its natural resources stewardship as well as its careful planning for an education and knowledge-based future.

